



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : John CRESCENTI et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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